

## State of Utah

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES** 

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Jason Valle
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400 International Parkway, Suite 425
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Subject: Cancellation of Surety Bond 52BSBDI9929, Atlas Mining Company, Dragon Mine,

M/023/0080, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Valle:

The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) received your letter dated February 25, 2010, regarding cancellation of surety bond 52BSBDI9929 in the amount of \$31,500.00 effective June 7, 2010. The mine operator, Atlas Mining Company, has been advised that a replacement surety must be provided by May 3, 2010.

Under the terms of the above referenced surety bond, Hartford Fire Insurance Company remains liable for reclamation of the existing disturbance. If the surety is not replaced by May 3, 2010, the Division will immediately issue a cessation order to Atlas Mining Company and a demand that it commence reclamation. Failure of Atlas Mining Company to reclaim the mine within 30 days of issuance of the cessation order may result in the Division making demand on Hartford Fire Insurance Company to either proceed with reclamation or to pay to the Division the amount of the bond. If Hartford Fire Insurance Company fails to complete reclamation or make payment as requested, the Division may proceed to file a Request for Agency Action with the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining to seek forfeiture of the bond.

Please confirm that you remain responsible as surety for the reclamation of the existing disturbance. We also ask that you advise the Division immediately if there is any reason or if any conditions arise that may preclude you from continuing as surety for reclamation of the existing disturbance.



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Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 801-538-5261.

Sincerely,

Paul Baker

Minerals Program Manager

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Enclosure Letter to operator dated March 9, 2010, and copy of surety

Cc: Andre Zeitoun, Atlas Mining Company

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